

Christopher Kemper House
Route 180 southwest
Hermann vicinity
Gasconade County
Missouri

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

CHRISTOPHER KEMPER HOUSE

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Location: Route 100 southwest, Hermann vicinity, Gasconade County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

South half built 1858, north section late 19th century. By Christopher Kemper, a carpenter and cooper. Additions by his brother Simon Kemper. Kemper born in Lippe-Detmold in 1828. His parents, Toens and Anna M. Kemper, died before he and his six brothers emigrated to the U.S. in 1848. Christopher had been trained in Germany as a carpenter, Fritz as a stonemason and Simon as a cabinetmaker.

Center hall in one-and-one-half story frame house set on stone foundation. Woodwork is walnut. Family tradition claims that the central hall was added to the earlier, smaller house by Simon Kemper. After living in Hermann for some years, he went to New Orleans and married. He later returned to Hermann with a ten-year old son and added this hall and perhaps the north room.

Present owner is Mrs. Edward Kemper.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Goodspeed's History, p. 1093.

Mrs. Anna Hesse, a descendant, who lives in Hermann, Missouri

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.